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As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☒ The attached application, or
☐ Application No. _____, filed on _____,
☐ as amended on _____ (if applicable);

Entitled: Image Forming Apparatus

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/ we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and

All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)

Inventor one: Hidenori Kobayashi

Signature: Hidenori Kobayashi Citizen of: Japan

Inventor two: _____

Signature: _____ Citizen of: _____

Inventor three: _____

Signature: _____ Citizen of: _____

Inventor four: _____

Signature: _____ Citizen of: _____

☐ Additional inventors are being named on _____ additional form(s) attached hereto.

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STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP & POWER OF ATTORNEY

Inventors: **Hidegori Kobayashi**

Application No.:

Filing date: 07-21-2003

Title: **Image Forming Apparatus**

Assignee: **Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba and Toshiba Tec Kabushiki Kaisha.**

Assignee state of incorporation: **Japan**

Assignees hereby state that they are the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. Such rights include the entire right, title and interest in continuations and divisionals of such patent application. In support of this statement, the original or a copy of the assignment(s) is/are attached.

The authority and rights of the inventor(s) with respect to this application are hereby excluded in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.32. All prior powers of attorney are hereby revoked.

All of the attorneys associated with Customer Number 33356 are hereby appointed to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. All correspondence should be directed to:

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The undersigned is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignees.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that there statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application and any patent issuing thereon.

X June 30, 2003
Date

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Taisuke Kato, General Manager, Intellectual Property Division,
Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba

X June 27, 2003
Date

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Toshio Hokimoto, Senior Manager, Intellectual Property Division,
Toshiba Tec Kabushiki Kaisha

ASSIGNMENT

Names of Inventors: **(1) Hidenori Kobayashi**
Name of Assignee: **Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba and Toshiba Tec Kabushiki Kaisha**
State of Incorporation of Assignee: **Japan (both companies)**
Title of Application: **Image Forming Apparatus**
Application No.: _____ Date of Filing of Application: 07-21-2003

1. In consideration of the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned agree to sell, assign and transfer and do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above-named Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the inventions claimed and described in the above-identified patent application in the United States and throughout the world, and in and to any applications for patent and patents which may be granted and issued thereon in any and all countries, and in and to any continuations, divisions, reissues and extensions of said applications and patents and all priority rights associated therewith. The undersigned agree to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.
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Signature of Inventor 1: Hidenori Kobayashi

Date: July 15, 2003

On the date set forth above, before me, Steven C. Sereboff, personally appeared the individual(s) identified above, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed on this instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacities, and that by his/her/their signature(s) on this instrument the person(s) executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.


Steven C. Sereboff

